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Groups with Steroid Hormones for Use as
Nucleic Acid Transfection Agents

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to an Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 7, 2003, in which various pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for lack of enablement (claims 1-14, 17-19 and 30), and under § 112, second paragraph (claims 1-14, 17-19 and 30). In addition, claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-13, and 17-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Ponpipom *et al.*

This response is timely filed in view of the attached petition for extension of time and attendant fee. In view of the amendments and remarks presented below, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejections and favorable reconsideration of the application.

Amendments to the Specification: None.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendment to the Drawings: None.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.